

## ABOUT THE STATE

## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST FROM DIFFERENT SECTIONS

A teacher training course has been organized at Brigham academy, Bakersfield.

Prof. Philip R. Leavenworth of Castleton has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the board of license commissioners.

The right arm and side of Herbert Wilcox of West Rutland were crushed Tuesday in a gear at the plant of the Clarendon Marble Co. in Rutland.

Twelve marriage licenses were issued in Bellows Falls Saturday, Sunday and Monday to parties outside the state. Most of them were from Boston and vicinity.

Gratz Powers of Clarendon has a field of giant corn, one stalk of which measures 14 feet, nine and three-fourths inches high, and there are several others of practically the same height.

Dr. Minor C. Baldwin of New York and London, a solo organist of international reputation, gave an organ recital at Proctor Sunday evening at the Union church, there being such a large attendance that it was necessary to bring in chairs.

Jesse Jackson, bookkeeper at the Holland hotel in Rutland, died suddenly Tuesday of neuritis of the heart. He was 61 years old and had been in apparently good health. He had been connected with the hotel for many years.

A committee on Red Cross medical work for Rutland county has been named, and this committee, composed of a body of physicians, will be prepared to direct or participate in medical work in time of emergency, such as an epidemic of infantile paralysis, in the county.

The annual reunion of the Town family was held in Hydeville last Wednesday, 55 persons being present. Mrs. Lyman Town, aged 87 years, came from Lincoln, Neb., to attend the reunion. Others came from Saratoga Springs, Granville, Schuylerville and Albany, N. Y., and nearer towns.

Milk producers from the vicinity of Poultney will go to Salem, N. Y., Saturday to meet representatives from other towns on the Delaware and Hudson railroad and to organize a branch of the dairymen's league. There is much dissatisfaction over the prices received for milk and the matter will be taken up.

Bradley, son of W. H. Loomis of Philadelphia, who spent the summer with his grandfather in Proctor, died in Philadelphia a few days ago of infantile paralysis. The child, who was seven years old, left Proctor Aug. 5, and on the homeward journey stopped for a time in Yonkers, N. Y., where it is supposed he contracted the disease.

Miss Doris Tuttle, who plans to make her life work of a medical nurse in China, has been entertaining this week at her home in Rutland a number of Chinese students, Miss Fung Yan Lai, her college mate at Smith, Miss Wan Chuck, Mr. Lee and Mr. Folk. All are from Canton, China. They were sent to America on the indemnity fund or one of the various provincial funds.

Edward Milliner and Lucy Lester from Providence, R. I., who came to Brattleboro Tuesday to get married, were prevented by the statement of the young man's father, who telephoned that Milliner was a minor and asked that a marriage license be refused. The would-be groom gave his age as 19, and was informed that he must wait two years. He did not go back to Rhode Island but left with Miss Lester for the north to make another attempt at a marriage.

## War and Insanity.

During the first month of the great war people began to call the war "a madness" and to say that not only the artillery fire but the very speculation upon where it would all lead to was "maddening"; all this during August, 1914. Since then the accusation of madness has been made by somebody against every people, every ruler and pretty much every policy developed during the past two awful years. And within a few months President Wilson, who should have been incapable of using such a loose phrase in a public address, declared that the whole world was "warming." Under such stress and strain does the whole world live at present, even in geographically sheltered America, that the phrase of hyperbole has become a universal idiom in common talk.

Everybody's nerves are so keenly on edge that he is more convinced than ever that pretty much everybody except him is crazy, to begin with. Dean Swift's declaration that most of the crazy people were loose and the sane ones shut up in asylums never had a wider acceptance among the general public. It all depends on just what you mean by "crazy"; given some flexibility of definition, and scarcely any statement is too broad, or any accusation too startling to be incapable of defense with strong arguments appealing to the five senses of men.

Dr. William Graham of Belfast, an Irish alienist, has just included in an annual report a striking opinion of the high tonic value for mankind of war. He says there is no doubt that "insanity," as well as crime, has lessened during the period of war, and he finds the explanation simple enough, namely, that under the tremendous stimulation of the need, many men "who have never known how to live" have thrown off neurotic weakness and have defied "the spell of ancient inhibitions and long established impracticabilities and gone forth to face wounds and death." In a word, men have been shaken out of their stiffening habits, and actually "renewed in the spirit of their minds," albeit with a club.

Beyond doubt, the war has given the world something to cry for, and a vast host of minor and relatively imaginary woes have disappeared as if by magic. This phenomenon, of course, is something which we do not see in this country, except in occasional reflections, but it is the great marvel of life in England and on the continent. Here are folk smitten the ground by the hammer of a brutal force; but unconquerable, and undaunted, they spring and refuse to be mangled in any of the little concerns of life as it existed before the great conflict came which beats out the ringing metal in men and women.—New York Evening Sun.

## PARACHUTE FAILED TO OPEN.

Samuel Libby Killed at the Rutland Fair Wednesday Afternoon.

Rutland, Sept. 7.—Samuel Libby of Boston, the balloonist at the Rutland fair, was almost instantly killed yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock when the last of a series of parachutes with which he was attempting to drop failed to open and he fell about 150 feet to the ground. He landed in front of the house of D. E. Stevens on Ivy street. Dr. F. S. Quigley and Dr. W. W. Townsend attended him but they could do nothing as the man was practically dead when they reached his side. His body was taken to the Spencer & Cady undertaking rooms.

Mr. Libby used three parachutes successfully after leaving his balloon at a height estimated to be 1500 feet from the ground. It is probable that he did not realize his nearness to the earth when he entrusted himself to the last parachute and he struck the ground with terrific force before it could open.

## A Useful Recipe Book.

The canning of fruits and vegetables on the farm is growing into an industry of some importance from a commercial point of view, and of inestimable value from the standpoint of home economics. In almost every general farming community in the country are raised great quantities of fruits and vegetables that never reach the market fresh, and in the past most of this has been waste or at best stock food. For years, through its canning clubs, the department of agriculture has been spreading knowledge of how to preserve this food for winter use in the home, and for shipment to market. Formerly the most thrifty housewives always put up a few "preserves" to vary the farm diet in the winter, these being limited almost to fruits. Now, on many farms, not only fruits but vegetables and "greens" are regularly preserved according to the methods taught by the department. A can of fruit, a can of vegetables, and a can of greens for every American family for every day in the year, is one of the slogans of the state relations service, which has charge of this work.

Recently this bureau sent out a call to its field agents in all parts of the country to come to Washington for a special course in canning. In the well-equipped government laboratories, these men and women, who do the actual demonstration work on the farms, were given a systematic course of lectures and experiments by Dr. George E. Ferrall, who is the government's expert on the subject of fruit and vegetable canning.

One point emphasized by Dr. Ferrall is that the whole burden of this work should not be thrown upon women. The farm woman cannot possibly preserve all the fruits and vegetables which can be used or sold by the family, and the men should therefore help whenever possible.

This book will be of great help to every woman who cooks, and gives 153 recipes for tasty and attractive dishes that can be made from canned foods. It gives recipes for making sauces, pastes and dressings to go with them. It opens new possibilities in the menu—possibilities that can be easily, quickly and cheaply realized. It is the first book to tell how to make the most of canned goods—and every housekeeper knows what that means nowadays.—Woman's World for September.

## And All with Company There.

"Now, children," said the mother, as a whole roomful of company had come in, "suppose you run off and play by yourselves."

"All right, mother," replied Edith; "can we go up and play Hamlet and Ophelia?"

"Certainly," smiled the mother, while her guests looked on at the tableau.

"Goody," replied Edith; then turning to her sister, she said: "Now, Maude, you run up to mamma's room and get all her false hair that you can find."

## Joey's Luck.

It was Joey's first term at school and he had had troubles of his own getting used to the routine. One day a friend of the family said to him: "Joey, I suppose you are at the head of your class."

"Oh, yeh, thir," replied Joey with a smile.

"Why, Joey, how is that?" said his father. "You have always been at the foot."

"Yeth, thir, but you see the teacher turned the clath around."

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## Origin of "Petrified Forest."

The "petrified forest" of Arizona, really a series of petrified forests, lies a short distance south of Adamana, on the line of the Santa Fe railway. There are four "forests," included in a government reservation called "Petrified Forest National Monument," created by presidential proclamation in 1906. The name "forest" is not strictly appropriate, for the petrified tree trunks are all prostrate and are broken into sections. The logs are the remains of giant trees that grew in Triassic time, the age of reptiles. The trees were of several kinds, but most of them were related to the Norfolk island pine, now used for interior decoration. Doubtless they grew in a near-by region and, after falling, drifted down a water-course and lodged in some eddy or a sand bank. Later they were buried by sand and clay, finally to a depth of several thousand feet. The conversion to stone was effected by gradual replacement of the woody material by silica in the form called chalcedony, deposited by underground water. A small amount of iron oxides deposited at the same time has given the brilliant and beautiful brown, yellow, and red tints which appear in much of the material.

Some of the tree trunks are six feet in diameter and more than 100 feet in length. In the first forest there is a fine trunk that forms a natural bridge over a small ravine, the water having first washed away the overlying clay and sand and then, following a crevice, worked out the channel underneath. The length of this log is 110 feet, and the diameter four feet at the butt and one and one-half feet at the top.

Petrified woods are beautiful objects for study. When thin slices are carefully ground down to a thickness of 0.003 inch or less and placed under the microscope they show perfectly the original wood structure, all the cells being distinct, though now they are replaced by chalcedony. By studying the sections F. H. Knowlton, of the United States geological survey, department of the interior, has found that most of these araucarian trees were of the species Araucarioxylon arizonicum, a tree now extinct. It is known to have lived at the same geological time also in the extreme central part of the United States, where the remains of some of its associates have also been found. These included other cone-bearing trees, tree ferns, cycads, and gigantic horsetails, which indicate that at that time, the rainfall was abundant.—U. S. G. S.

## Auction Sale OF FURNITURE

As I am leaving town and going West to live, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, 1916

at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at 103 Washington street, Barre City, Vt., the following described

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Two full bedroom sets, mattresses, springs and 2 feather beds, 2 full parlor sets, plush arm chair, 2 plush rockers, 1 cane-seated rocker and a lot of chairs, different kinds; 1 baby crib and chair, 3 wood carpets, 2 library tables, parlor table and kitchen table, chiffonier, bookcase, desk, couch, wardrobe, onyx table, parlor or can. Singer sewing machine, lot of pictures, brass lamp, hall mirror, lot of straw matting, large Bible (in editions for binding), clothes bars, draft screen, 2 sickroom chairs, fur robe, 2 stoves, flower stand, 2 lawn mowers, chicken wire, garden tools, ladder, bath tub, 3 iron pumps, a set of scales, lot of fruit jars, sad irons, crockery, glass, iron and tinware, with many articles not mentioned. This property is neat and clean and will be sold at the general price of 10 to 20 percent below retail value. Remember the sale date, Sept. 9, 1:30 p. m., 103 Washington street, corner of Washington and Richardson streets.

MRS. PETER MUTCH, Owner.

C. F. SMITH, Auctioneer.

## Auction Sale

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## STOCK AND TOOLS

As I have sold my farm, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the premises known as the J. S. Viles farm at Montpelier Junction, on

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, 1916

at 1 o'clock sharp in the afternoon, the following described stock and tools:

ONE 7-YEAR-OLD COW, to freshen about the first of January; 1 3-year-old heifer, black and white, a dandy; 1 horse, weight about 1000 lbs., good worker and driver; 50 HOGS AND PIGS, 6 brood sows, 11 shoats 3 months old; 15 shoats nearly ready to butcher, will dress from 150 to 200 lbs.; 28 small pigs; 3 boars.

FARMING TOOLS—1 2-seat express wagon, 2 buggy wagons, 1 horse lumber wagon, 2 sleighs, 1 horse hoe, 1 horse sled, 1 horse mowing machine, 2 horse harrows, plow, 500 to 600 lights glass, 7x9 1 set of sash and glass of different sizes, 1 set work harnesses, 1 single harness, drive harness, quantity of lumber, second-hand parlor organ; also all small tools, such as hoes, forks, chains, bars, evensers, whiffletrees, scythes, snaths, etc.

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